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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. A copy of the listed documents is provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication received from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, an English language translation of the Japanese Examiner's comments has been provided. The relevance of the submitted Japanese Language article can be found in the patent application at page 7, lines 9-11.

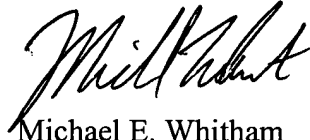
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Respectfully submitted,

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